

LTBB Tribal Council Travel Report
68th Annual Convention
October 29 - November 5, 2011
Portland, OR
John Bott – Tribal Council Treasurer

Sunday, October 30

Attended: 6:00 – 8:00 Tribal Leaders Welcome Reception

Monday, October 31

Attended: 7:00 – 8:00 National Native Prayer Breakfast

Attended: 8:30 – 12:00 First General Assembly that included the following:

8:30 – 9:00 Call to Order - Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI

Color Guard

Honor Song

Invocation

9:00 – 9:10 Welcome from Host

Fawn Sharp, President, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

9:10 – 9:20 U.S. Congressman Jay Inslee (WA)

9:20 – 9:30 Welcome from Local Elected Officials

U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (OR)

9:30 – 10:20 Rules of the Convention

Yvonne Oberly, Credentials Committee Chair

Resolutions Process

Juanita Ahtone, Resolutions Committee Chair

President's Address

Jefferson Keel

Executive Director's Report

Jacqueline Johnson Pata

10:20 – 11:20 Indigenous Nations Working Together: International Panel

11:30 AM: Tribal Leaders Open discussion – Lac View Desert Tribe of Watersmeet requested to become a member and submitted a donation

Attended: 1:30 – 4:30 Second General Assembly that included the following:

1:30 – 1:50 Call to Order

Juana Majel Dixon, First Vice-President, NCAI

NCAI Announcements

1:50 – 2:20 Message from the White House

Kimberly TeeHee, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, White House

2:20 – 2:40 Congressional Messages

Senator Daniel Akaka (HI), video

Congressman Don Young (AK), video

Loretta Tuell, Majority Staff Director, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

David Mullon, Minority Director, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

3:20 – 3:40 Message from the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

3:40 – 4:00 Carcieri Update

4:00 – 4:30 Tribal Leader Discussion

Tuesday, November 1

Attended: 7:30 – 8:30 Area Caucus Meetings - Midwest Area – A105

Attended: 8:30 – 12:00 Third General Assembly that included the following:

8:30 – 8:40 Call to Order

Matthew Wesaw, Recording Secretary, NCAI

Invocation

8:40 Indian Country and the Federal Budget: Navigating a New Era

Mark Trahant, Writer, Speaker, Twitter Poet

9:10 A Political Crisis – Alaska Native's Response

Jerry Mackie, former State Senator (AK)

9:40 Department of the Interior Message

David Hayes, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior

10:15-12:00 Vision for Indian Country: Preparing for 2012 and Beyond

Attended: 12:00 – 1:00 Youth Honor Luncheon

MCs: Randi Ashley Begaye and Quintin Lopez, Youth Commission Co-Presidents

NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association

1:30 – 4:00 Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Attended: Federal-Tribal Collaboration to Sustain Cultural Lifeways

American Indian and Alaska Native peoples have a substantial interest in protecting, accessing, and controlling their sacred lands and objects; however, tribal interests are sometimes at odds with the competing interests of the federal government. This session will bring together federal officials and tribal representatives to dialogue about recent efforts to collaborate on issues of cultural and religious protection, discuss remaining obstacles that hinder progress, and develop a strategy for moving forward.

Moderator: Levon Henry, Executive Director, DNA-Peoples' Legal Services

Panel 1: Sacred Places

Walter R. Echohawk, Jr., Of Counsel, Crowe & Dunlevy Attorneys & Counselors at Law

Suzan Shown Harjo, President, Morning Star Institute

Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Tribal Affairs, USDA

Panel 2: Eagle Feathers

Ethan Shenkman, Environmental & Natural Resources Division, DOJ, invited

William C. Woody, Chief of Law Enforcement, US Fish & Wildlife Service, invited

Doug Craven, Natural Resources Director, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Dion Killsback, Counselor to Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

Wednesday, November 2

Attended 7:30 – 8:30 Area Caucus Meetings

Midwest Area – A105

8:30 – 12:00 Fourth General Assembly – Oregon Ballroom

8:30 – 9:00 Call to Order

W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

Invocation

Announcements

Credentials and Membership Report

Yvonne Oberly, Credentials Committee Chair

9:00 – 9:10 UNITY

Amira Madison, Co-President, National UNITY Council

Jared Massey, Co-President, National UNITY Council

9:10 – 9:20 Special Announcement

9:20 – 9:30 NCAI Health Fellowship Announcements - Robert Burnette,

9:40 – 10:00 Indian Law & Order Commission

Troy Eid, Chair of the Indian Law & Order Commission

10:00 – 11:00 Nominations and Speeches for NCAI Board Administrative Offices

Standing Rules of Order, Section V. A. 3. Nomination speeches shall be no longer than two minutes. Individuals making nominations must state their name, the tribe they represent, and indicate that they are a member in good standing with NCAI. Nominations do not have to be seconded, and no seconding speeches shall be allowed.

11:30 – 12:30 National Native American Just Move It! Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally

9th Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Walk.

12:30 – 1:30 Trade Show Networking Reception

1:30 – 4:00 Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Attended: Investing for Future Generations

Panelists shared investment strategies to: successfully screen companies for their negative impacts on tribal nations, the environment, human rights, and other issues of concern to tribes; become a shareholder in companies to advocate and engage on social, environmental, cultural, human rights, sovereignty, and governance concerns; and directly invest capital in communities that are underserved by traditional financial services institutions.

Susan White, Director of Investment Services, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin

Jonas Kron, Director of Research and Shareholder Advocacy, Trillium Asset Management Corporation

Attended: 6:30 – 8:30 United League of Indigenous Nations Event

Thursday, November 3

Attended: 7:30 – 8:30 Area Caucus Meetings - Midwest Area

Attended; 8:30 – 12:00 Fifth General Assembly that included the following:

8:30 – 8:40 Call to Order - Fawn Sharp, Northwest Area Vice President, NCAI

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8:40 – 8:50 Youth Commission Report

9:00 – 10:00 Issue Updates

Tribal Tax Working Group - W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

Government Contracting - Jim Gray, Executive Director, Native American Contractors Association

Agriculture - Ross Racine, Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council

Housing - Cheryl A. Causley, Chairwoman, National American Indian Housing Council

Transportation - C. John Healy, President, Intertribal Transportation Association

Education - Quinton Roman-Nose, President, National Indian Education Association

10:00 – 11:30 Elections

Attended; 12:00 – 1:00 Elder's Honoring Luncheon

Attended; 1:30 – 4:00 Sixth General Assembly that included the following:

1:30 – 1:40 Call to Order

Don Arnold, Pacific Area Vice President, NCAI

1:40 – 2:00 Cultural Sovereignty - Why it's Important - Walter Echo-Hawk

Arts & Tribal Identity in the 21st century - Rick West

2:00 – 2:10 NCAI PRC Update-Malia Villegas, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

Federal Updates

2:30 – 2:45 U.S. Preparations for the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development

Lawrence Gumbiner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Oceans, International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES), State Department

2:45 – 3:00 Frank A. Vitrano, Associate Director for 2020 Census, U.S. Census Bureau

3:00 – 4:00 Issue Updates

Health - Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service, Cathy Abramson, Chairman, National Indian Health Board

Gaming - Ernie Stevens, Jr., President, National Indian Gaming Association

Climate Change

Tribal Leader Discussion

Attended: 7:00 – 10:00 Gala Banquet – Portland Ballroom

Speaker - Howard White, VP, Sports Marketing Jordan Brand

Friday, November 4

Attended; 8:30 – 12:00 Seventh General Assembly that included the following:

8:30 – 9:00 Call to Order - Joe A. Garcia, Southwest Area Vice President, NCAI

Invocation

Memorials

8:50 – 9:00 First Nations Experience – Television Channel

Larry R. Ciecalone, President and Chief Executive Officer

KVCR-TV/DT/FM and FNX

Charles Fox, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, FNX: First Nations Experience

9:00 – 9:15 Treasurer's Report

W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

9:15 – 9:30 Supreme Court Update

John Dossett, General Council, NCAI

John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

Cobell Update

9:45 – 10:05 Rules and Credentials Report

Swearing in of Officers

10:05 – 11:45 Resolutions Committee Report

Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions

11:45 – 12:00 Retire Colors/Closing Prayer

12:00 Adjourn 68th Annual Convention

Other Events Attended:

Sunday, October 30 - 6:00 – 8:00 Reception hosted by President Jefferson Keel

I would like to thank the Tribal Council for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Annual NCAI Conference again this year.